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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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► JANUARY NEWS BRIEFS

► Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Action Plan Updated

The SANBAG Board received a description of the relationship between the GHG study, Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) development, and the Countywide Visioning Project. Because of the high degree of synergy among these efforts, monthly updates will be brought to the Plans and Programs Committee of the Board. Technical information developed will be reviewed by a technical forum comprised of representatives from numerous agencies in the County. The proposed list of greenhouse gas reduction measures cover the following areas: Building Energy; Stationary Sources; On-Road Transportation and Land Use; Off-Road Activity; Goods Movement; Land Use and Urban Design; and Solid Waste Management. For more information, go to Item #6 at: www.sanbag.ca.gov/about/agendas/01-11_board-1-10.pdf

► SR-210/Pepper Ave. Interchange to be Studied

An engineering consulting firm was selected by the SANBAG Board to conduct Environmental and Engineering Services for the State Route 210/Pepper Avenue Interchange in north Rialto. The evaluation and selection were based on firm qualifications, personnel proposed, and project understanding. SANBAG also entered into a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for Oversight of the Project Approval and Environmental Document, Plans, Estimates, and Specifications, and Right-of-Way phases. SANBAG is the implementing agency for the above phases and is responsible for the engineering, environmental compliance, and construction of the SR-210 ramps in accordance with an agreement between SANBAG and the City of Rialto. The project intent is to provide connectivity to the City's Pepper Avenue Extension project, which is also in development.

► I-10/Cherry and Citrus Interchanges Progressing

Construction on two interchanges in Fontana are expected to start by August 2011. Even though they are two separate projects, they are inter-related and it was determined that for continuity, one Construction Management Consultant would oversee both projects. The SANBAG Board authorized the release of a Request for Proposal for Construction Management, Materials Testing, and Construction Surveying services in support of the two projects. Both projects have completed their respective environmental documents. The final design phase and Right-of-Way acquisition phases are nearing completion. SANBAG staff is preparing to begin the construction phase.

► SANBAG Employee Service Awards



SANBAG President Brad Mitzelfelt presented two SANBAG employees with their five-year service award pins, including Jennifer Franco (left), Director of Legislative Affairs, and Marla Modell (right), Air Quality and Mobility Specialist. Jennifer just returned from a year of active duty in the Navy, where she was stationed in Afghanistan. Marla is involved with numerous programs, including Ride Share, Park 'N Ride, Call Boxes, Freeway Service Patrol, and an alternative fuels grant.

MEETING CALENDAR

- **Jan. 12:** Administrative Com., 9:00 a.m.
- **Jan. 13:** Major Projects Com., 9:00 a.m.
- **Jan. 17:** **SANBAG Offices CLOSED**
- **Jan. 19:** Plans/Programs Com., 12 noon
- **Jan. 20:** Commuter Rail/Transit, 12 noon
- **Jan. 21:** Mountain/Desert Committee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Apple Valley
- **Feb. 2:** SANBAG Board Mtg., 9:30 am

SPECIAL PUBLIC EVENTS:

- **Jan. 18:** Barstow-Victor Valley Bus Link Dedication, 3 pm, Barstow
- **Jan. 26:** North Milliken Grade Separation, Groundbreaking, 10:00 am, City of Ontario, Milliken & Guasti
- **Feb. 2:** I-10 Westbound Widening Project, Public Meeting, 4:30-7:00 pm, SANBAG Field Office, Yucaipa/Redlands

► Chaffey College Transit Center Open



On December 7, 2010, SANBAG, Omnitrans, and Chaffey College officials were joined by students and members of the public to celebrate the official opening of the new Chaffey College Transit Center in Rancho Cucamonga. SANBAG Past-President Paul Eaton, also a member of the Omnitrans Board, reviewed the funding history for the project. In 2007, the SANBAG Board approved the allocation of \$3 million in Proposition 1B funds to Omnitrans for this project. "One of our goals for the future is to get more people off the freeways and highways by providing more public transportation options," said Eaton. "This new transit center moves us in that direction and is an asset to the college and community."



► New Train Cars Debut at Depot



To celebrate the release of Metrolink's new Crash Energy Management (CEM) Passenger Train Cars, a "Whistle Stop Debut" was conducted at several train stations in Southern California in December. Elected officials, Metrolink officials, and the media were present at the Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino on December 8 to observe the official unveiling of the state-of-the-art Hyundai Rotem Rail Cars. The debut ceremony was also conducted at Los Angeles Union Station, and stations in Glendale, Riverside, Irvine, and Santa Ana.

The CEM cars are being assembled at Metrolink's East Maintenance Facility in Colton. Initially, a total of 117 cars was scheduled for purchase and assemblage. In November 2010, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) agreed to purchase an additional 20 cars, bringing the total number of passenger rail cars to 137. The new CEM cars will be brought into service as assembly is completed.

Metrolink and Southern California officials are proud to say the new Metrolink service is now considered the safest passenger rail fleet in the nation and they are pleased to have set the standard for others to follow. For more information on commuter rail service, go to: www.sanbag.ca.gov/commuter/metrolink.html

